

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the research

A literary work such as poetry, prose, and novel are authors imagination of world, life, and experience remarked in words. Human are individuals that interact with other in society. Basically, human family and environment influence their behaviours. Although God has given us character since we were born, and given compulsion, jealousy, longing, love, mockery from other can make someone strong, diligent or even evil. However people's background, they need to negotiate with society.

The society of an individual is the culture and institutions with whom the person interacts. The individuals of a person's environment a strong influence upon the person, often in every subtle way, social environment forms humans' behaviours that perform human personality. Personality is an arrangement of behaviours, attitudes, beliefs, and values of persons (Hall, et al.,2007: 462). In Victorian era, there were three layers of social class: upper class,middle class, and lower class. The members of middle class consisted of bankers, shopkeepers, merchants, engineers, and other professionals, while the members of lower class were physical labours (Chancer and Watkins 2006 : 81).

Kate was raised in the town of Clifton, Maine, attending John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor, Maine, and Brewer High School in Brewer, Maine, from which she graduated in 2002. She subsequently studied as an undergraduate at the University of Maine at Farmington, earning a B.F.A. in Creative Writing in 2006, and went on to earn an M.F.A. from Indiana University and a Ph.D. In Creative Writing from the University of Kansas. Kate Elizabeth Russel is writer living in Madison, Wisconsin. Kate debut novel, *My Dark Vanessa*, is available now from William Morrow (US), 4th Estate (UK), and will be translated into over twenty-five languages. Debora, (2009.84).

The trouble in this novel begins when people at the school where Vanessa is studying realize that she has a relationship with Strane. Rumors spread because his classmates often saw Vanessa in Strane's office and Strane often treated Vanessa differently. Her former best friend Jenny notices that Vanessa's attitude has changed and she sees Strane touching her lewdly. After that, Jenny reported the incident to her father who is one of the founders of Browick School. As a result, they investigated Vanessa and Strane. Strane told Vanessa to keep this a secret from anyone, so her career would be safe. He also said that it would protect Vanessa's future as well. Vanessa still kept a secret about their relationship until the end, but she was

expelled from school and her reputation was ruined. Getting older, Vanessa still can't forget her past relationship with Strane because she feels that only Strane can understand her, but she doesn't realize that her life is falling apart. Throughout this story, I find showed of psychological manipulation in Strane's character. I identify that the main problem arises through the characters of this novel. Strane shows how he manipulates Vanessa's mind to achieve his goals, and Vanessa shows depression and other bad feelings or behaviors as a result of psychological manipulation.

1.2 Identification of the Problems

Based on the background of the problem above, the problem of this research is identified. The effect of psychological manipulation occurs on Vanessa because Strane often manipulates Vanessa's mind by using psychological manipulation cheats to achieve her goals. Therefore, I assume that the theme of this novel is The Psychological Manipulation which is showed on by the main characters in Kate Elizabeth Russel's novel My Dark Vanessa.

1.3 Limitation Based on the identification of the problem above, I limit the problem of the novel theory and concepts as follows:

Based on the identification of the problems above, the problem of this research is limited to the theory of psychological manipulation which consists of cheating and effect. The applied concepts are analyzed through an intrinsic approach; characterization, plot, and setting. Through an extrinsic approach, I use the theory of Psychological Manipulation which is divided into ways of cheating psychological manipulation and the effect of psychological manipulation using the explanations of several experts.

1.4 Statement of the Problems (FORMULATION)

Based on the limitations of the problem above, the problem in this study can be formulated according to the psychological manipulation in My Dark Vanessa by Kate Elizabeth Russel which is the theme of this research. Therefore, the problem in this study is formulated as follows:

1. What is the theme of Kate Elizabeth Russell's novel My Dark Vanessa?
2. What kind of Psychological Manipulation Theory conceptualizes the characterization of Kate Elizabeth Russel's novel My Dark Vanessa?

3. What kind of Psychological Manipulation Theory is conceptualized in the plot of Kate Elizabeth Russel's novel *My Dark Vanessa*?
4. What kind of Psychological Manipulation Theory is conceptualized in the setting of Kate Elizabeth Russel's novel *My Dark Vanessa*?

1.5 Objectives of the Research

Based on the formulation of the problem above, the purpose of this research is to prove the conceptualized assumption of psychological manipulation in the novel *My Dark Vanessa* by Kate Elizabeth Russel.

1. A way to prove the theme of Kate Elizabeth Russel's novel *My Dark Vanessa*.
2. How to prove the theories of Psychological Manipulation conceptualized in the characterization of the novel *My Dark Vanessa* by Kate Elizabeth Russel.
3. How to prove the theories of Psychological Manipulation conceptualized in the plot of the novel *My Dark Vanessa* by Kate Elizabeth Russel.
4. How to prove the theory of Psychological Manipulation conceptualized in the setting of the novel *My Dark Vanessa* by Kate Elizabeth Russel.

1.6 Methods of the Research

Based on the theoretical concept, I apply a method of study with the variety of qualitative research, the sort of library research, the interpretative character of research with collecting data which is the literature text of the novel entitled *My Dark Vanessa* by Kate Elizabeth Russell as the main source and supported by some literature that is connected with suitable definition or theory as the secondary source.

The data analysis in my research is as follows:

- 1) read the novel several times
- 2) note some important points to better understand the meaning by subject in my interpretation
- 3) analyze the concept of manipulation indication based on the main character by cheating manipulation

4) carry out the theoretical basis of the intrinsic and extrinsic approaches to research.

1.7 Benefits of the Research

This research is expected to provide benefits for those who are interested in studying and gaining a deep understanding of the novel *My Dark Vanessa* by Kate Elizabeth Russel, because it is carried out using a manipulation psychology approach as an extrinsic approach, especially based on theories about cheating, victim manipulation, and manipulation.

1.8 Systematic Organization of the Research

In accordance with the title of the study above, the order of presentation is as follows:

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

Consists of: background of the problem, problem identification, problem definition, problem formulation, research objectives, research methods, research organization systematics.

CHAPTER 2: THEORY FRAMEWORK

It consists of a theoretical framework; There are several approaches, intrinsic approach, and extrinsic approach.

CHAPTER 3: ANALYSIS OF THE INTRINSIC APPROACH IN MY DARK VANESSA NOVEL

It consists of: character characterization, plot, and setting of the novel. The above concepts should appear in a number of sub-chapters.

CHAPTER 4: THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MANIPULATION CONCEPTUALIZED ON MAIN CHARACTERS IN THE NOVEL MY DARK VANESSA BY KATE ELIZABETH RUSSELL

Consists of: a brief explanation of the contents of this chapter, an analysis of the concept of psychological manipulation that occurs in the characterization, setting and plot in Kate Elizabeth Russell's novel *My Dark Vanessa*. The above concepts must appear in a predetermined number

CHAPTER 5: CONCLUSION

It consists of an evaluation of the previous chapters and the implications of the evaluated results. The above chapters are followed by references, research schemes, research, posters, curriculum vitae, and other necessary appendices.

